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**By the By.**

The citizens of Japanese towns have their mail delivered 5 to 10 times each day. Even those living far out in the country have their letters brought to the door at least once a day.

It is said that the current Canadian stamps except the  $\frac{1}{2}$ c., 8c., 20c. and 50c. are to be found on laid paper.

Montreal boasts of having had the first Phil. paper published in America.

Mr. E. B. Jones, of Ruthven, Iowa, announces the publication of a book which will no doubt be appreciated by all Phil. Literature Collectors.

At last, Canada has a Collectors Society which promises fair to prosper, viz: The Dominion Phil. Ass'n.

The United States alone has issued nearly 3000 varieties of stamps. Those of Gt. Britain and her colonies number over 6000.

The writer is specializing in the above stamps. He takes no stock in reprints, surcharges, foreign revenues and the like. The collector who does not specialize, will never have the satisfaction of seeing his collection complete. Take one country or

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